SATURDAY 05 JANUARY 2008

SAT 00:00 News and Weather (b008m2lx)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by weather.

SAT 00:30 Book of the Week (b008kv1h)

Swindled: From Poisoned Sweets to Counterfeit Coffee

Episode 5

Swindled: From Poisoned Sweets to Counterfeit Coffee. By Bee Wilson. 5/5: The food swindlers continue to find ever more sophisticated ways of adulterating our food.

SAT 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b008m2ly)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b008m2lz)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service for a selection of news and current affairs, arts and science programmes. BBC Radio 4 resumes at 5.20am.

SAT 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b008m2m0)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 05:30 News Briefing (b008m2m1)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b008kvs5)

Daily prayer and reflection with George Craig.

SAT 05:45 Songs Everlasting (b007xhyp) Series 1

Myfanwy

Bryn Terfel explores iconic Welsh songs. 1/3: Myfanwy. Composed by the prolific Joseph Parry, Myfanwy is one of the best known of all Welsh love songs.

SAT 06:00 News and Papers (b008m2m2)

The latest news headlines. Including a look at the papers.

SAT 06:04 Weather (b008m2m3)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 06:07 Open Country (b008m2m4)

Sculpture Trail

Countryside magazine.

Helen Mark explores the Sculpture Trail in the Forest of Dean. This series of large sculptures, which includes a giant's chair, a large stained-glass window and a wallpapered tree, was begun 21 years ago by Martin Orrom, who wanted to encourage people to reconnect with the forest environment.

SAT 06:35 Farming Today This Week (b008m2m5)

Rural magazine programme. Charlotte Smith reports on the plastic greenhouses which have swept across southern Spain and asks if the same could happen here.

SAT 06:57 Weather (b008m2m6)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 07:00 Today (b008m2m7)

With Carolyn Quinn and Greg Wood. Including Sports Desk at 7.25am, 8.25am; Thought for the Day at 7.48am; Weather at 7.57am.

SAT 09:00 Saturday Live (b008m2m8)

Real life stories in which listeners talk about the issues that matter. Presenter Fi Glover is joined by Hardeep Singh Kohli. Poetry written and performed by Murray Lachlan Young.

SAT 10:00 Excess Baggage (b008m2m9)

Short Haul Travel

SHORT HAUL TRAVEL

Whether it's a hen night in Prague, a trip to the dentist in Balaton or a long weekend at a gite in Bergerac, it seems we just can't get enough of short haul flights within Europe. But how is that influx affecting destinations across Europe?

And what about the effects on home destinations like Liverpool, Bristol, Inverness – are they seeing the same increase in travellers and tourism? It's not just air travel that's expanding – there are plans to streamline train networks across European borders and the French have announced plans for overnight party trains.

Join Sandi Toksvig and guests Simon Calder, travel editor of the Independent, John Hanlon of the European Low Fares Airline Association, Stephen Dowd from UK inbound and train buff Mark Smith who also goes by the intriguing name of Man in seat 61.

SAT 10:30 Travels with Cap'n Bob (b008m2mb)

Former Daily Mirror political editor Julia Langdon recalls the extraordinary travels of Robert Maxwell, who journeyed all around the world to meet people of power and influence.

SAT 11:00 Talking Politics (b008hw0z)

Political discussion series which sharpens the focus on current ideas and events. With Sheena McDonald.

SAT 11:30 From Our Own Correspondent (b008m2v1)

BBC foreign correspondents with the stories behind the world's headlines. Introduced by Kate Adie.

SAT 12:00 Money Box (b008m2v2)

Paul Lewis with the latest news from the world of finance. Including reports on company pension schemes, organisations that help people deal with debt and new energy price rises.

SAT 12:30 The Now Show (b008kvrn)

Series 22

Episode 6

6/6. Comedy sketches and satirical comments from Steve Punt, Hugh Dennis and the team including Marcus Brigstocke, Mitch Benn, Laura Shavin and Jon Holmes.

SAT 12:57 Weather (b008m2v3)

The latest weather forecast

SAT 13:00 News Headlines (b008m2v4)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 13:10 Any Questions? (b008kjrw)

Jonathan Dimbleby is in Chandler's Ford, Hampshire, as an audience puts topical questions to John Denham, Andrew Lansley, Professor Lisa Jardine and Charles Moore.

SAT 14:00 Any Answers? (b008m2v5)

Listeners' calls and emails in response to this week's edition of Any Questions? Call 08700 100 444 [calls from land lines cost no more than 8p a minute].

SAT 14:30 Saturday Drama (b008m2v6)

Underneath the Linte

Underneath the Lintel: Greg Berger's quirky and touching oneman play. A lonely Dutch librarian tells the poignant story of his quest to justify his life. Richard Schiff stars.

SAT 15:30 Music Feature (b008khxr)

To Sing Like Bing

Episode 2

Alyn Shipton concludes his look at the rise and reign of the Crooner by talking to those who knew and worked with Bing Crosby.

By the 1930s, crooning had cemented itself as a dominant force in popular music. Crooners like Rudy Valée and Russ Columbo vied for supremacy with the 'Old Groaner' himself, Bing Crosby. But Crosby's phenomenal musicality, honed from his roots in jazz and combined with a homely, easy-going personality, made him supreme in popular entertainment for over fifty years.

SAT 16:00 Weekend Woman's Hour (b008m2v7)

Highlights of this week's Woman's Hour programmes with Jane Garvey.

SAT 17:00 Saturday PM (b008m2v8)

Full coverage and analysis of the day's news, plus the sports headlines. With Chris Ledgard.

SAT 17:30 Tracing Your Roots (b0084hvz) Series 2

Episode 2

Sally Magnusson presents a series exploring the practice of researching family history. She finds out why shady characters are good news for family history hunters.

SAT 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b008m2v9)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 17:57 Weather (b008m2vb)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b008m2vc)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

SAT 18:15 Loose Ends (b008m2vd)

An eclectic mix of conversation, comedy and music. Peter Curran is joined by playwright Kwame Kwei-Armah, former punk rocker Bertie Marshall and entertainer Thelma Ruby.

SAT 19:00 Profile (b008m2vf)

Phil Redmond

Series of profiles of people who are currently making headlines.

As Liverpool prepares for the launch of its year as the European Capital of Culture, James Silver looks at the life and career of soap opera king Phil Redmond, now an arts grandee promising 'real culture for real people'.

SAT 19:15 Saturday Review (b008m2vg)

Tom Sutcliffe and guests review the cultural highlights of the week.

SAT 20:00 The Archive Hour (b008njkl)

God, Pirates and Ovaltineys

God, Pirates and Ovaltineys: Sean Street investigates the history of the cultural battle between the BBC and commercial radio, which goes back to the 1920s.

SAT 21:00 Classic Serial (b008kbvs)

The Witches

Episode 2

The Witches: Roald Dahl's classic children's adventure. 2/2: Eight-year-old Boy has been turned into a mouse. His friend Bruno is more interested in food than witches.

SAT 22:00 News and Weather (b008m2vh)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by weather.

SAT 22:15 Reality Check (b008kj80) Series 1

Episode 2

Justin Rowlatt presents a discussion series involving experts and people closely involved. 2/3: Should victims of crime be involved in dispensing justice?

SAT 23:00 Brain of Britain (b008kdv8)

Peter Snow hosts the final of the nationwide general knowledge quiz.

SAT 23:30 Fearnought: Poems for Southwell Workhouse (b008kbyv)

Poems for Southwell Workhouse: Mario Petrucci's collection of poems evokes the workhouse at Southwell, Nottinghamshire.

SUNDAY 06 JANUARY 2008

SUN 00:00 News and Weather (b008m3bb)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4,

followed by weather.

SUN 00:30 Addiction (b0076wvw)

The Poison Tree

Stories on the theme of addictions and obsessions. 5/5: The Poison Tree, by Gregory Norminton. Roger owes Frank a debt which he can never repay. It will destroy his life.

SUN 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b008m3gh)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b008m3gj)

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SUN 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b008m3gk)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 05:30 News Briefing (b008m3gl)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SUN 05:43 Bells on Sunday (b008m3gm)

The sound of church bells from St Bartholomew's in Suttoncum-Lound, Nottinghamshire.

SUN 05:45 Profile (b008m2vf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 News Headlines (b008m3gn)

The latest national and international new

SUN 06:05 Something Understood (b008m3gp)

True North

True North: Mark Tully explores the claim that the deepest craving in the human spirit is for knowledge of the right

SUN 06:35 On Your Farm (b008m3gq)

Adam Henson reports from Bhaktivedanta Manor, the UK headquarters for the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, home to Krishna devotees from across the world

SUN 06:57 Weather (b008m3gr)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 07:00 News and Papers (b008m3gs)

The latest news headlines. Including a look at the papers.

SUN 07:10 Sunday (b008m3gt)

Jane Little and guests discuss the religious and ethical news of the week

SUN 07:55 Radio 4 Appeal (b008m3gv)

Tony Robinson appeals on behalf of the Alzheimer's Society. Donations: Freepost BBC Radio 4 Appeal. Credit cards: Freephone 0800 404 8144.

SUN 07:58 Weather (b008m3gw)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 08:00 News and Papers (b008m3gx)

The latest news headlines. Including a look at the papers.

SUN 08:10 Sunday Worship (b008m3gy)

We Saw His Star in the East

We Saw His Star in the East: On the feast of Epiphany, Fr James Hanvey SJ visits the Pope's summer palace outside Rome, home to the Vatican Space Observatory.

SUN 08:50 A Point of View (b008kvrr)

A weekly reflection on a topical issue from Prof David Cannadine.

SUN 09:00 Broadcasting House (b008m3gz)

News and conversation about the big stories of the week with Paddy O'Connell.

SUN 10:00 The Archers Omnibus (b008m3h0)

The week's events in Ambridge

SUN 11:15 Desert Island Discs (b008m3h1) John Humphrys

Kirsty Young's castaway this week is the broadcaster and journalist John Humphrys. For 21 years he has been at the helm of Today, Radio 4's flagship news and current affairs programme. Millions of devoted listeners enjoy his tenacious interviewing style - and it's won him a healthy respect from politicians too. Not all are supporters though; Jonathan Aitken accused him of "poisoning the well of democratic debate" - an attack which he initially thought would cost him his career.

Now, his life is dominated not only by the alarm bell - which is set for 3.58am - but by his youngest son, Owen. When John Humphrys describes the joy and warmth the seven-year-old has brought him, he becomes, if only temporarily, lost for words.

[Taken from the original programme material for this archive edition of Desert Island Discs]

Favourite track: Opening of Cello Concerto by Edward Elgar Book: Biggest poetry anthology possible Luxury: A cello.

SUN 12:00 Just a Minute (b008kh14)

A special programme celebrating 40 glorious years of Just a Minute, featuring some of the best moments from the show over the years and interviews with regulars.

SUN 12:32 The Food Programme (b008m3h3)

Leftover food has itself been made over - no longer about thriftiness, it's now part of the green movement to reduce waste, and save the planet. Sheila Dillon celebrates the art of eking out and reusing, and charts the journey of leftovers from thriftiness to saving the world.

Sara Parker reports and speaks to Rama Santhahram Vindlacheruvu - Women's Institute member and instructor in Asian cookery about use of leftover foods in Indian cookery.

She speaks to Bish Muir about her plans to publish the "Scrapbook" leftovers recipe book

And to broadcaster and now pig farmer Rosie Boycott about the waste of food caused by the ban on pigs swill – which used commercial food waste - following the 2001 Foot and mouth

We speak to environmental group WRAP about the problem of food waste – we throw away one bag in every three due to poor planning, poor portion control, and lack of household skills, with the result that we dump 6.7 million tonnes of domestic

But is using leftover food safe? We ask the FSA.

SUN 12:57 Weather (b008m3h4)

The latest weather forecast

SUN 13:00 The World This Weekend (b008m3h5)

A look at events around the world with Shaun Lev.

SUN 13:30 God and the Gun (b008nvvx)

Episode 2

Martin Bell investigates the role of religion in the armed forces. What part does religion play in an organisation trained to kill people?

SUN 14:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b008m3h6)

Peter Gibbs chairs the popular horticultural forum. Matthew Biggs, Chris Beardshaw and Pippa Greenwood answer questions from gardeners in Kent.

SUN 14:45 Wide Awake at Bedtime (b008m3vs) Episode 1

Stewart accompanies a group of Brownies from Manchester on a visit to a huge aquarium in Hull called The Deep.

SUN 15:00 Edith Wharton - The Age of Innocence

(b008m3vt)

Episode 1

Newland Archer is engaged to May Welland, but his life takes an unexpected turn when he meets May's unconventional cousin Countess Ellen Olenska.

Edith Wharton's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel about a passionate life-long love affair which breaks all the rules of the restrictive high society of 1870's New York.

Dramatised in two parts by Jane Rogers.

Newland Archer Ryan McCluskey Ellen Olenska Susan Lynch May Welland ... Kellie Bright Augusta Welland Lorelei King Sillerton Jackson/Riviere Kerry Shale Julius Beaufort Conrad Nelson Lawrence Martin T Sherman

Director: Nadia Molinari

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2008.

SUN 16:00 Bookclub (b008m3vv)

Alice Sebold

James Naughtie and readers meet American author Alice Sebold to discuss her debut novel The Lovely Bones, which remained on the New York Times hardback bestseller list for a

SUN 16:30 A Poet's Song (b008m3vw)

Paul Farley and Jo Shapcott try their hand at writing lyrics for two very different musicians in the contrasting shapes of rapper Doc Brown and pianist Jamie Cullum.

SUN 17:00 Where's the Femur? (b008m740)

Clare English examines the state of medical training in Britain amid fears that the next generation of consultants will have significantly less experience.

SUN 17:40 Profile (b008m2vf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b008m3vx)

The latest shipping forecast

SUN 17:57 Weather (b008m3vv)

The latest weather forecast

SUN 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b008m3vz)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

SUN 18:15 Pick of the Week (b008m3w0)

Claudia Hammond presents a selection of highlights from the past week on BBC radio.

SUN 19:00 The Archers (b008m3w1)

Lilian's arranged for her and Matt to go to Peggy and Jack's. Acting concerned that her arrangements might have spoiled Matt's plans, she questions whether maybe he was hoping to meet Annabelle. Matt insists not but is quick to sing Annabelle's praises, especially her amazing strategy to deal with the great crested newt problem. Lilian quickly reminds Matt that Annabelle has a gorgeous beau.

Daniel wants to go shopping but Shula soon puts paid to his plans when she learns that he's won £5.50 playing pontoon with Jim. She leaves Alistair to talk to Daniel while she sorts out Jim. Daniel can't see what all the fuss is about and, unaware of Alistair's past gambling problems, neither can Jim. Shula hopes Daniel will forget all about the incident once Jim goes home but she and Alistair agree he doesn't seem in any hurry to leave.

When Daniel has to hand back his winnings, Jim wastes no time in giving him the fiver back. He's allowed to give his grandson some money if he wants to and, after all, Daniel won it fair and square so Jim sees no harm in Daniel having it - as long as he doesn't tell his mum.

SUN 19:15 Go4it (b008m3w2)

Barney Harwood presents the children's magazine. Natalie Barrass interviews author Morris Gleitzman about his latest book Doubting Thomas. Rainer Hersch and the team compose a

SUN 19:45 Literary Misfits (b0076xym)

A Vampire Vaudeville

Stories in which famous fictional characters stumble into the wrong books. 3/5: A Vampire Vaudeville, by Kerry Lee Crabbe. Lady Bracknell receives a visit from Count Dracula.

SUN 20:00 The Message (b008lx62)

5/6. Jenni Murray and guests in conversation about how current media trends affect our lives.

SUN 20:30 Last Word (b008kvrk)

Jane Little presents the obituary series, analysing and celebrating the life stories of people who have recently died.

SUN 21:00 Money Box (b008m2v2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 21:26 Radio 4 Appeal (b008m3gv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 today]

SUN 21:30 In Business (b008kjj7)

How To Be Top

How To Be Top: Peter Day gets some unorthodox advice and guidance on how to inspire awe and become a corporate leader.

SUN 21:58 Weather (b008m3w3)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 22:00 Westminster Hour (b008m3w4)

Reports from behind the scenes at Westminster. Including at $1\,0.45pm$ Do Nothing.

SUN 23:00 Off the Page (b008kj7x)

Fatherhood

Dominic Arkwright chairs the lively discussion series.

Fatherhood

BBC World Affairs Editor John Simpson became a father for the third time at the age of 61. He joins writer Will Cohu, a self-confessed middle-class would-be super dad, and charity worker Shaun Bailey, determined to defy the negative stereotype of a black father, to discuss the challenges of modern fatherhood.

SUN 23:30 Something Understood (b008m3gp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:05 today]

MONDAY 07 JANUARY 2008

MON 00:00 News and Weather (b008m556)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by weather.

MON 00:15 Thinking Allowed (b008klll)

Cities and Memory - Berlin Extra

CITIES AND MEMORY

Last week Laurie Taylor visited Berlin to discover how the city is dealing with the ghosts of its past. But other cities around the world have also carved the memories of their citizens into their buildings and infrastructure. As communities change, new memories become layered over old ones, and decisions about what is commemorated and what is forgotten come to reflect the prevailing political climate of the day. Laurie is joined by the writer and filmmaker Iain Sinclair, Professor Richard Sennett and Professor Sophie Watson to discuss how cities come to reflect the pride, and the shame, of what has gone before.

BERLIN EXTRA

You can debate the issues raised in this week's programme on our discussion forum, hosted by the Open University.

MON 00:45 Bells on Sunday (b008m3gm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:43 on Sunday]

MON 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b008m59n)

The latest shipping forecast.

MON 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b008m59p)

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MON 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b008m59q)

The latest shipping forecast.

MON 05:30 News Briefing (b008m59r)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

MON 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b008m57y)

Daily prayer and reflection with George Craig.

MON 05:45 Farming Today (b008m59s)

News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

MON 05:57 Weather (b008m59t)

The latest weather forecast for farmers.

MON 06:00 Today (b008m59v)

With Edward Stourton and Greg Wood. Including Sports Desk at 6.25am, 7.25am, 8.25am; Weather at 6.05am, 6.57am, 7.57am; and Thought for the Day at 7.48am.

MON 09:00 Start the Week (b008m59w)

From Neville Chamberlain's dramatic flights to meet Hitler in 1938 to Blair and Bush's negotiations on Iraq, summits have seen world leaders forging intense personal relationships that have had far-reaching consequences. Historian DAVID REYNOLDS analyses how world leaders from Kennedy to Gorbachev regarded their opponents and how the disastrous meetings of Munich and Moscow still hold lessons for successful summitry today. Summits: Six Meetings that Shaped the Twentieth Century is published by Allen Lane and the accompanying TV series starts on BBC Four on 30 January.

The playwright PENNY GOLD is also interested in how we view historical events. In her latest play, The President's Holiday, she uses extracts from Raisa Gorbachev's diary to gain an insight into the attempted coup in 1991 that saw the family confined to their Black Sea dacha. The story explores the crumbling of Mikhail Gorbachev's political ideals and the betrayal of political allies. The President's Holiday opens at Hampstead Theatre, London on 17 January. It then moves to the Nuffield Theatre Southampton from 20 February.

Our images of Iraq are largely those on our news programmes of politicians, soldiers and insurgents. We see explosions and killings and follow the political wrangling. But the film maker IVAN O'MAHONEY and his co-director Laura Winter have instead given air time to The Boys of Baghdad High, 17-year-old boys who film their own lives for a year. We see them take substantial risks to attend school every day and chart the growing tensions as the security and economic situation deteriorates. The Boys from Baghdad High will be shown on BBC Two on Tuesday 8 January at 9.00pm.

The US Government was behind 9/11, a Chinese fleet reached America before Columbus and the structure of a cell is too complex to have evolved through natural selection: all examples of what journalist and writer DAMIAN THOMPSON has classed as 'counterknowledge.' And, he argues, we're facing a pandemic of it as, helped by the internet, spurious claims and unproven theories are blurring the distinction between truth and fiction to dangerous effect. Counterknowledge: How we surrendered to conspiracy theories, quack medicine, bogus science and fake history is published by Atlantic Books.

MON 09:45 Book of the Week (b008m5hd)

The Prince

Men Must Either Be Flattered or Eliminated

The Prince: Peter Firth reads from Niccolo Machiavelli's guidebook on political power. 1: Men Must Either Be Flattered or Eliminated. How to conquer new territory.

MON 10:00 Woman's Hour (b008m5hf)

Money and Relationships; Author Lesley Lokko; Darts Champion Trina Gulliver

How easy is it to navigate the world of personal finance and manage money as a couple? Plus, author Lesley Lokko on race and architecture, and Trina Gulliver on playing darts.

MON 11:00 Pilot (b008m5xh)

Libby Purves explores the world of the ship's pilot, whose job involves guiding the world's biggest ships into port and out to sea again in the best and the worst of weathers.

Aboard a pilot cutter on the River Tees in heavy seas, Libby meets Geoff Taylor of the International Maritime Pilots Association and his colleagues to talk about the life of the men and one woman - who guide our ships safely to shore.

MON 11:30 The Stanley Baxter Playhouse (b008m5xj) Series 2

The King's Kilt

Series of comic plays starring Stanley Baxter.

By Rona Munro.

A recalcitrant Highland kilt maker is faced with the task of producing a garment for George IV to wear on his first visit to Edinburgh in 1822.

Donald Nicholson Stanley Baxter Walt Silver John Guerrasio Miss/Mistress MacEvoy Alison Peebles Sir Walter Scott Gordon Kennedy

Directed by Marilyn Imrie

A Catherine Bailey production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 12:00 You and Yours (b008m7th)

Consumer news and issues with Carolyn Atkinson and Peter White.

MON 12:57 Weather (b008m7ti)

The latest weather forecast.

MON 13:00 World at One (b008m7tk)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

MON 13:30 The Garden Quiz (b008m6lj) Episode 1

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Anna Ford chairs a quiz to find the best all-round amateur garden expert in the country.

MON 14:00 The Archers (b008m3w1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Sunday]

MON 14:15 Drama (b008m6lk)

Slightly Larger than West Virginia

Slightly Larger than West Virginia, by Hugh Costello. Redeployed in Ireland, former CIA high flyer Sam Taft has had to alter his view of the world, and he is starting to like it.

MON 15:00 Money Box Live (b008m6ll)

Vincent Duggleby and guests answer calls on financial issues. Listeners can call 08700 100 444 from **1.30pm** until **3.30pm** [calls from land lines cost no more than 8p a minute].

MON 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b008m6nn) Granta Stories

Granta Stories

The Death of a Chair

Extracts from the archives of Granta, the UK's most prestigious literary magazine.

By Doris Lessing, read by Barbara Marten.

A lived-in chair is bought at auction, where it begins its final journey towards discovery and destruction.

MON 15:45 A Sense of Liverpool (b008m6np) Episode 1

Writers, artists and entertainers take a fresh look at Liverpool, to mark its year as European Capital of Culture.

Rastafarian poet Levi Tafari goes on a literary journey in and around his home in Toxteth. He explores why Liverpool is traditionally a city of storytellers, boasting a long tradition of poets, novelists and playwrights. He talks about its influence on him in poems such as Toxteth Where I Reside.

MON 16:00 The Food Programme (b008m3h3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:32 on Sunday]

MON 16:30 Beyond Belief (b008m74z)

Ernie Rea explores the place of faith in today's world, teasing out the hidden and often contradictory truths behind the experiences, values and traditions of our lives.

MON 17:00 PM (b008m79w)

Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair. Including at ${\bf 5.57pm}$ Weather.

MON 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b008m79x)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

MON 18:30 Just a Minute (b008m767)

Series 52

Episode 1

Nicholas Parsons chairs the devious word game. Panellists are Paul Merton, Clement Freud, Chris Neill and Josie Lawrence.

MON 19:00 The Archers (b008m793)

It's Plough Monday and David welcomes a group of clergy to Brookfield. Bert eagerly introduces David to Rachel the new archdeacon, who shows a keen interest in farming and Brookfield.

Nigel welcomes Kathy back to Lower Loxley but the atmosphere is very strained. After discussing the rotas, Elizabeth suggests Kathy goes early. Kathy's glad to, but not before pointing out that she'd rather Elizabeth didn't discuss her business with the family. Elizabeth apologies but realises just how difficult her relationship with Kathy has become.

Pip's dismayed that Adam has ploughed up Quarry Bank. It's where she did her skylark survey last May, and it's supposed to be set-aside. David tries to explain that Adam had no choice he was just obeying Matt's orders - but Pip's disgusted that the estate don't appear to know about the wildlife that's trying to survive on their land. Pip points out the advantages of birds; she knows her stuff but David reminds her what farming's all about. Pip's incensed. Matt's a developer not a farmer and what he's done is wrong. She's going to phone him - he had no right to plough up the field.

MON 19:15 Front Row (b008m79v)

Director Sidney Lumet is best known for a string of taut cinematic thrillers from the 1970s, including Serpico and Dog Day Afternoon, His latest film, Before The Devil Knows You're Dead, is being heralded as a long-awaited return to form for the octegenarian. Starring Philip Seymour Hoffman and Ethan Hawke, the film tackles the moral consequences of a botched heist. Film critic Adrian Wootton joins Mark Lawson to give

With the new year come two new dramas from ITV - both dealing with families going through big changes. The Palace is about the sudden accession of a young, irresponsible, boozy prince to the British throne, whilst Honest is the tale of a crooked family going straight after the head of the household is sent to jail. Joining Mark Lawson to discuss the programmes are comedian Natalie Haynes and TV critic Chris Dunkley.

Richard T Kelly's debut novel Crusaders explores religion, politics and crime in Newcastle and the North East of England in the late 1990s. Previously the author of a book about the filmmaking movement Dogme 95 and a biography of Sean Penn, Richard Kelly talks to Mark Lawson about why he chose to venture into the world of fiction writing.

Mark Lawson finds out about the Army's new Potential Officer's Development Course which involves a cultural training programme for soldiers. Mark discusses the course with Major Miles Hayman, Commanding Officer at the Army School of Education, and with BBC correspondent Mark Urban, and finds out what Spamalot and Madam Butterfly have in common as far as the Army is concerned.

MON 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b008m79z)

We Need to Talk about Kevin

The Decision

Anita Sullivan's adaptation of Lionel Shriver's award-winning novel about family tragedy and its aftermath. 1/10: The

MON 20:00 Things We Forgot to Remember (b008m7cb)

The Bengal Famine

Michael Portillo presents a series revisiting the great moments

of history to discover that they often conceal other events of equal but forgotten importance

One of the worst catastrophes ever to occur under British rule, the Bengal famine of 1943 cost, at the most conservative of British estimates, one and a half million lives. Michael challenges our collective amnesia and asks historians from both India and Britain whether it could have been avoided.

MON 20:30 Crossing Continents (b008kjc3) South Korean Gamers

Julian Pettifer explores South Korea's cutting edge cyber culture. He discovers that e-athletes or computer gamers are treated like rock stars and earn hundreds of thousands of pounds a year. but the dark side of this digital craze is a pathological addiction. Treatment centres have opened all over the country to help young people who cannot tear themselves away from the computer screens.

MON 21:00 The New Guinea Singing Dog (b0076rjq)

Could a strange melodious dog from the remote cloud forests of New Guinea have been man's first best friend? Andrew Luck-Baker investigates.

MON 21:30 Start the Week (b008m59w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 21:58 Weather (b008m7ql)

The latest weather forecast.

MON 22:00 The World Tonight (b008m7qm)

With Paul Moss. Including reports on a possible political compromise in Kenya, new Conservative Welfare to Work plans and waste disposal problems in Naples.

MON 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b008m7qn) The Egg and I

The Egg and I: Debora Weston reads from Betty MacDonald's memoir of early married life on a chicken ranch during the 1920s, 1/10: Betty learns that a lady never scratches or spits.

MON 23:00 The Sex Lives of Us (b008nx82)

Gay Times

Tom Robinson explores the portrayal of homosexuality in the media, 1/2; He looks back from the late 1950s to the early 70s.

MON 23:30 Today in Parliament (b008m7pt)

News, views and features on today's stories in Parliament with David Wilby.

THESDAY 08 IANHARY 2008

TUE 00:00 News and Weather (b008m54w)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by weather.

TUE 00:30 Book of the Week (b008m5hd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Monday]

TUE 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b008m57z)

The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b008m580)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service for a selection of news and current affairs, arts and science programmes. BBC Radio 4 resumes at 5.20am.

TUE 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b008m581)

The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 05:30 News Briefing (b008m582) The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

TUE 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b008m583) Daily prayer and reflection with George Craig.

TUE 05:45 Farming Today (b008m584)

News and issues in rural Britain with Charlotte Smith

TUE 06:00 Today (b008m585)

Including Sports Desk at 6.25am, 7.25am, 8.25am; Yesterday in Parliament at 6.45am; Weather at 6.05am, 6.57am, 7.57am; Thought for the Day at 7.48am.

TUE 09:00 Taking a Stand (b008m7zh)

Fergal Keane talks to Dr Saad Eskander, director of Iraq's National Library, who explains why he returned from exile in an attempt to preserve his country's rich cultural heritage.

TUE 09:30 A Dollar a Day (b008m7zj) Kenya

Mike Wooldridge presents a series asking whether the global target of halving world poverty by 2015 can be achieved and what living on a dollar a day really means.

In Kaimosi in Western Kenya, Isaiah lives with his disabled wife and six grandchildren, making seven to ten dollars a month from growing tea. Their neighbours Francis and Christine are both able to work, growing and selling maize, mending bicycles and making bricks. Between them they make about two dollars

TUE 09:45 Book of the Week (b008m5gz)

The Prince

The Fox and the Lion

The Prince: Peter Firth reads from Niccolo Machiavelli's guidebook on political power. 2: The Fox and the Lion. What are the qualities of a successful leader?

TUE 10:00 Woman's Hour (b008m5h0)

Older Carers; Hazel Blears on Assertiveness; Jane Austen's

How do older people cope when looking after elderly relatives? Plus Hazel Blears discusses assertiveness courses for Muslim women, and a visit to Jane Austen's house.

TUE 11:00 Why Do the British Love Wildlife? (b008m7zk)

Francesco Da Mosto leaves his native Italy to explore the apparent special relationship between the British and the natural world. From buzzards to hedgehogs or dormice to snails, we seem to love them all, but why? Francesco discovers that the answer seems to lie in the 19th century.

TUE 11:30 Films for a New India (b008m7zl)

Episode 2

 $2/2.\ Hardeep\ Singh\ Kohli$ explores the world of Indian independent cinema, whose gritty themes and realism contrast sharply with escapist Bollywood.

TUE 12:00 Call You and Yours (b008m61y)

Consumer news and issues with Winifred Robinson and Peter White

TUE 12:57 Weather (b008m61z)

The latest weather forecast.

TUE 13:00 World at One (b008m620)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

TUE 13:30 Soul Music (b008m82d)

Series 6

New York, New York

Andrew Collins and Mark Shenton present the story behind the classic song New York, New York.

Songwriting duo John Kander and Fred Ebb wrote the title song for the film. Unfortunately, the star Robert de Niro didn't like it, so they furiously wrote another one.

John Kander talks about the story behind the classic song.

Featuring:

Lorrena Turner Michael Freedland Huw Madoc-Jones Terry Bennett

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Alun Howells Gareth Valentine John Kander Patrick Sasso Rosemary Watts

Series about music that makes the hairs stand up on the back of our necks.

Producer: Sara Conkey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2008.

TUE 14:00 The Archers (b008m793)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Monday]

TUE 14:15 Drama (b008m8l4)

Snow in July

Snow in July, by Alice Nutter. Maurice and Eileen are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary when Maurice falls ill. Wanting to know more, Eileen heads for the local

TUE 15:00 Home Planet (b008m8l5)

Richard Daniel and the team discuss listeners' questions about the natural world and our impact on it.

TUE 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b008mb9n) Granta Stories

Cary Grant's Suit

Extracts from the archives of Granta, the UK's most prestigious literary magazine.

Todd McEwan contemplates the suit worn by the star of North By North West.

Read by Nathan Osgood.

TUE 15:45 A Sense of Liverpool (b008md9h)

Episode 2

Writers artists and entertainers take a fresh look at Liverpool. to mark its year as European Capital of Culture. 2/5: Photographer Mark McNulty meets some fellow Liverpudlians.

TUE 16:00 Elementary Dear Listener (b00776qq) Series 2

Kevin Bocquet recalls how a man who made his name reconstructing faces of mummified Egyptian kings was asked to help identify the remains of a body found buried in Cardiff.

TUE 16:30 Great Lives (b008m8l6)

Series 14

Howard Florey

4 Extra Debut. Sir Richard Sykes champions Sir Howard Florey, a forgotten key figure in the story of penicillin. With Matthew Parris, From January 2008.

TUE 17:00 PM (b008m75i)

Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair. Including at 5.57pm Weather.

TUE 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b008m75k)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

TUE 18:30 Miranda Hart's House Party (b008m8l7) Episode 2

Miranda Hart serves up a cocktail of stand-up, sketches, song and dance, aided and abetted by Sharon Horgan, Kim Wall and special guests.

TUE 19:00 The Archers (b008m794)

Taylor's solicitor interviews Elizabeth and wastes no time in pressing her on some of her comments in her original statement. The interrogation seems endless as Elizabeth tries desperately not to favour Taylor's case. To her dismay, the solicitor tells Elizabeth she's been very helpful, so it's more than likely she'll be called as a defence witness. Elizabeth's distraught and tells

Nigel that everyone will think she's on the side of a rapist.

A field of wheat is worth more to Matt than a field of skylarks and he shows no sympathy to Pip's cause. Lilian gets just as frustrated with Matt over the dinner arrangements she hears him planning. Even though he explains it's purely business, Lilian insists he'll have to cancel as she's already preparing a special meal for tonight. And besides, surely Stephen Chalkman needs to be involved in discussing a potential new board member? Under Lilian's watchful eye, Matt rearranges for Friday lunch when both Gerry and Chalkman are available

On hearing that Pip has phoned Matt, Lilian tells him to go easy on her, and then casually drops out that her lamb dish is a bit complicated for a Tuesday - they'll be having omelette instead!

TUE 19:15 Front Row (b008m795)

Tasmin Little, the internationally-renowned violinist, is about to release her first new recording in 4 years. However, rather than being a cd, the new recording - entitled The Naked Violin © will be available exclusively for download, free of charge. Tasmin has also recorded spoken introductions to each work, and the new recording will give listeners a rare opportunity to compare and contrast two of the world's finest Italian violins: the Regent Stradivarius of 1708, on loan to Tasmin from the Royal Academy of Music, and her own 1757 Guadagnini. She talks to Kirsty Lang about these two magical instruments, about her choices of music - and her reasons for releasing the recording as a free download.

The six shortlisted proposals for the next commission for the 4th Plinth at Trafalgar Square have just been unveiled in The National Gallery. The latest artistic contenders - Anthony Gormley, Anish Kapoor, Jeremy Deller, Yinka Shonibare, Tracey Emin, Bob and Roberta Smith - are a prestigious list, including three Turner prize winners and two Turner nominees Each artist has made a scale model of their proposed artwork, all exhibited at the National Gallery. John Wilson asked the artists to explain themselves.

Four classic fairy tales have been updated and adapted by contemporary writers into comedy dramas for BBC On Cinderella has been reworked by Richard Pinto and Anil Gupta from Goodness Gracious Me, Rapunzel has been given a modern equivalent by Ed Roe from Teachers, Debbie Horsfield, writer of Cutting It has created the Empress's New Clothes and Jeremy Dyson of The League of Gentlemen has updated Billy Goats Gruff. Kirsty Lang discusses updating fairy tales with writers Jeremy Dyson and Anil Gupta.

The cancellation of the Golden Globes awards ceremony is the latest development in the nine-week-long strike of the Hollywood writer's strike. Steven Gaydos of Variety magazine and Kirsty Lang consider the implications for the film industry.

TUE 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b008m796)

We Need to Talk about Kevin

Anita Sullivan's adaptation of Lionel Shriver's award-winning novel about family tragedy and its aftermath. 2/10: The Rejection.

TUE 20:00 Desperate Dreams (b008p9ct)

As Europe wrestles with an influx of migrants from some of the poorest countries in the world, Jenny Cuffe travels to Africa to examine the problem at its roots.

TUE 20:40 In Touch (b008m8l8)

Peter White with news and information for the blind and partially sighted.

TUE 21:00 Case Notes (b008m8l9)

Down's Syndrome

Dr Mark Porter investigates health issues of the day. He looks at recent advances in the treatment of Down's Syndrome, visiting clinics that work with young sufferers.

TUE 21:30 Taking a Stand (b008m7zh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 21:58 Weather (b008m7pv)

The latest weather forecast.

TUE 22:00 The World Tonight (b008m7pw)

National and international news and analysis with Paul Moss. Including reports on the New Hampshire primary, a prison offenders database, and what Israel expects from George Bush. TUE 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b008m7px)

The Egg and I

Episode 2

The Egg and I: Debora Weston reads from Betty MacDonald's memoir of early married life on a chicken ranch during the 1920s. 2/10: Bob and Betty take a trip to see the farm.

TUE 23:00 Single Files (b008m8lb)

Sitcom by Mark Trotman and Chris Tisdall, set in a dating agency. 4/4: Steve. The infuriatingly picky Steve meets his match, but is she the right one?

TUE 23:30 Today in Parliament (b008m7py)

News, views and features on today's stories in Parliament with Sean Curran.

WEDNESDAY 09 JANUARY 2008

WED 00:00 News and Weather (b008m54x)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by weather.

WED 00:30 Book of the Week (b008m5gz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Tuesday]

WED 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b008m586)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b008m587)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service for a selection of news and current affairs, arts and science programmes. BBC Radio 4 resumes at 5.20am.

WED 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b008m588)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 05:30 News Briefing (b008m589)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

WED 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b008m58b) Daily prayer and reflection with George Craig.

WED 05:45 Farming Today (b008m58c)

News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

WED 06:00 Today (b008m58d) With Sarah Montague, Greg Wood. Including Sports Desk at

6.25am, 7.25am, 8.25am; Yesterday in Parliament at 6.45am; Weather at 6.05am, 6.57am, 7.57am; Thought for the Day at

WED 09:00 Midweek (b008mb7t)

Lively and diverse conversation.

WED 09:45 Book of the Week (b008m5h1)

The Prince

The Uses of War

The Prince: Peter Firth reads from Niccolo Machiavelli's guidebook on political power. 3: The Uses of War. And the wisdom of choosing the lesser evil.

WED 10:00 Woman's Hour (b008m5h2)

Lionel Shriver; Chivalry; Hilary Clinton's Campaign Trail

Author Lionel Shriver and analyst Valerie Sinason discuss damaged children. Plus reflections on Hilary Clinton's campaign trail, and does male chivalry imply respect for women?

WED 11:00 Random Edition (b008nzmh)

The Guardian, October 30, 1975

Peter Snow presents a history series in which the stories are provided by archive newspapers.

Dutch businessman Tiede Herrema recounts his terrifying

ordeal as an IRA hostage. Dutch elm disease ravages the British countryside. Anti-apartheid campaigner Peter Hain recalls his wrongful arrest and Old Bailey trial after a theft from Barclays Bank in Putney.

WED 11:30 Baggage (b008mb7w)

Keep Right on to the End of the Road

Comedy series by Hilary Lyon, set in Edinburgh.

Caroline, Fiona and Ruth climb their biggest mountain yet, terrified that they may all fall over the edge.

Caroline Hilary Lyon Fiona Phyllis Logan Ruth Adie Allen Alistair Stuart McQuarrie Roddy Robin Cameron Gladys June Watson

Directed by Marilyn Imrie.

WED 12:00 You and Yours (b008m621)

Consumer news and issues with Sheila McLennon and Winifred Robinson.

WED 12:57 Weather (b008m622)

The latest weather forecast

WED 13:00 World at One (b008m623)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

WED 13:30 Off the Page (b008mb7x)

Now Wash Your Hands

Dominic Arkwright chairs the lively discussion series.

Is the current obsession with personal hygiene a good thing or are we turning ourselves into feeble creatures with no defences against the real world? Nicky Taylor gave up washing altogether for six weeks as part of a social experiment. Val Curtis is an expert on disgust and its place in the evolution of human behaviour and hygiene. Comedian Phil Hammond is a GP with scathingly frank views on the nation's health.

WED 14:00 The Archers (b008m794)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Tuesday]

WED 14:15 Drama (b008mb7y)

Jimmy Murphy Makes Amends

Jimmy Murphy Makes Amends: Black comedy by Andrew Doyle about friendship and the fear of God. Desperate to save himself. Jimmy sets out to make amends for all his

WED 15:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b008m3h6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Sunday]

WED 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b008mb9p) Granta Stories

Never Never Land

Extracts from the archives of Granta, the UK's most prestigious literary magazine.

By Rodrigo Fresan

A fascinating story of how the tragic childhood of JM Barrie inspired the creation of his most famous work, Peter Pan.

Translated by Natasha Wimmer, Read by Peter Guinness,

WED 15:45 A Sense of Liverpool (b008md9m) Episode 3

Writers, artists and entertainers take a fresh look at Liverpool. 3/5: Former journalist Angie Sammons hears about the stories that made Liverpool's colourful past and present.

WED 16:00 Thinking Allowed (b008mc60)

Violence - Arab Television

He has been described as 'the Elvis of Critical theory', once ran

as ran for the Presidency of his home country Slovenia, and is feted as one of the world's greatest living cultural philosophers...this week on Thinking Allowed Laurie Taylor talks to Slavoj Žižek about his latest work, Violence. Is the world becoming a more violent place? Why is some violence more palatable than others? What underlies seemingly random riots and mayhem that sporadically erupt around the world? Žižek has ideas that address the violence of modern life and a few victims of his own as he blames many of the humanity's upheavals on the 'humanitarian's' who claim to be helping.

ARAB TELEVISION

Naomi Sakr is Reader in Communication in the School of Media, Arts and Design at the University of Westminster, and Director of the Arab Media Centre there. She talks to Laurie about her new book, Arab Television Today which looks at the impact of Satellite broadcasting and Al Jazeera on the strictly controlled state broadcasters of the Middle East.

WED 16:30 Case Notes (b008m8l9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Tuesday]

WED 17:00 PM (b008m75l)

Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair. Including Weather at 5.57pm.

WED 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b008m75m)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

WED 18:30 Bleak Expectations (b00d06pc)

Series 1

A Childhood Cruelly Kippered

Mark Evans's Dickensian spoof reveals the downward spiral of young Pip Bin's life. Stars Richard Johnson. From August 2008.

WED 19:00 The Archers (b008m797)

Joe invites Jim to join him on an errand to pick up a climbing frame from Nic's place in Hollerton and take it to Casa Nueva on the trap. Jim's happy to help and Shula's glad of the break. Jim's been particularly trying this morning.

It's a big day for Nic. Will's emptying the last of her things from the flat and she feels it's a big step. Will assures her it's going to be fine.

When Shula turns up, expecting to collect Jim, the place is in a mess with all the new toys and things. Nic's really embarrassed, especially when Will lets it out that Joe and Jim didn't stay because there's no food in the house.

Nic's clearly tense - the kids seem to be getting to her, especially George. She ends up snatching a toy off him for Jake to play with. Will's taken aback when Nic snaps that George needs to learn to share his toys, but comforts George with a different toy and assures him everything's ok.

WED 19:15 Front Row (b008m798)

The winner of this year's coveted Palme D'Or award at the Cannes Film Festival is an uncompromising look at life during communist Romania, 4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days tells the tragic story of two female university students who try to arrange an illegal abortion during the late 1980s. The novelist Sarah Dunant joins Mark Lawson to help give the Front Row verdict.

After acquiring the Harold Pinter archive in December 2007, the British Library are displaying the works in an exhibition that documents Harold Pinter's life in the theatre as an actor, director, and writer. Mark Lawson and actor Henry Goodman take a look at a selection of exhibits which include unique manuscripts, letters and photographs.

Following the announcement by Clarence Mitchell, spokesman for the McCanns, that there are certainly no plans to make a "movie" about Madeleine, Mark Lawson and film historian Ian Christie discuss the etymology of the word, "movie", consider the differences between a TV-Film, a Film-Film and a madefor-TV Movie - and explore when and why these and similar terms are seen as pejorative.

As the festive season ends and the nation begins its collective detox, BBC2 is screening a new comedy about a recovering alcoholic to fit with the public mood of abstinence. Starring Stephen Mangan, Never Better follows one man's attempts to be more involved in the lives of his family and the pitfalls of attending AA meetings. Mark Lawson discusses the six-part comedy with the writer of the series Fintan Ryan.

WED 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b008m799)

We Need to Talk about Kevin

The Baby

Anita Sullivan's adaptation of Lionel Shriver's award-winning novel about family tragedy and its aftermath. 3/10: The Baby.

WED 20:00 Reality Check (b008mc61)

Episode 3

Justin Rowlatt presents a discussion series involving experts and people closely involved. 3/3: The government plans millions of $\,$ new homes, but where should they be built?

WED 20:45 Do Nothing (b008mc62)

Episode 1

Simon Heffer of the Daily Telegraph puts the case for political

WED 21:00 Longing for Silence (b008mc63)

Kate Cook goes on a deeply emotional journey to explore what hope there is for a cure for the chronic tinnitus she has suffered for a quarter of a century.

WED 21:30 Midweek (b008mb7t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 21:58 Weather (b008m7pz)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 22:00 The World Tonight (b008m7a0)

National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig. Featuring reports on George Bush's visit to Israel and the results of the New Hampshire primaries.

WED 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b008m7q1)

The Egg and I

The Egg and I: Debora Weston reads from Betty MacDonald's memoir of married life on a chicken ranch during the 1920s. 3/10: Betty wishes she had studied mule-skinning or carpentry.

WED 23:00 The Maltby Collection (b00ct1wk)

Episode 5

The senior management team head off to a conference on the Isle of Wight, leaving Rod in charge of the museum...

Geoffrey Palmer and Julian Rhind-Tutt star in David Nobbs' sitcom about a small museum of paintings and sculpture.

Rod Millet Julian Rhind-Tutt Walter Brindle Geoffrey Palmer Prunella Edgecumbe Rachel Atkins Julian Crumb-Loosely Ben Willbond Des Wainwright Michael Smilev Eva Tattle Julia Deakin Wilf Arbuthnot Geoff McGivern Stelios Constantinopolis Chris Pavlo Dave Edgecumbe Anthony Glennon Lofty Harmsworth Simon Treves Gus John Dougall

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.

WED 23:30 Today in Parliament (b008m7q2)

News, views and features on today's stories in Parliament with Robert Orchard.

THURSDAY 10 JANUARY 2008

THU 00:00 News and Weather (b008m54v)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by weather.

THU 00:30 Book of the Week (b008m5h1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Wednesday]

THU 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b008m58f)

The latest shipping forecast.

THU 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b008m58g)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service for a selection of news and current affairs, arts and science programmes. BBC Radio 4 resumes at 5.20am.

THU 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b008m58h)

The latest shipping forecast.

THU 05:30 News Briefing (b008m58j)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

THU 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b008m58k)

Daily prayer and reflection.

THU 05:45 Farming Today (b008m58l)

News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

THU 06:00 Today (b008m58m)

With Sarah Montague, James Naughtie. Sports Desk 6.25am, 7.25am, 8.25am; Yesterday in Parliament 6.45am, 8.31am; Weather 6.05am, 6.57am, 7.57am, 8.58am; Thought for the Day 7.48am

THU 09:00 In Our Time (b008md8x)

The Charge of the Light Brigade

Melvyn Bragg and guests discuss the Charge of the Light - an event of no military significance that has become iconic in the British historical imagination. On November 14th 1854 The Times newspaper reported on a minor cavalry skirmish in the Crimean War: "They swept proudly past, glittering in the morning sun in all the pride and splendour of war... At the distance of 1200 yards the whole line of the enemy belched forth, from thirty iron mouths, a flood of smoke and flame through which hissed the deadly balls. Their flight was marked by instant gaps in our ranks, by dead men and horses, by steeds flying wounded or riderless across the plain". This is the debacle of the Charge of the Light Brigade, which made little difference to the Crimean War yet has become deeply embedded in British culture. It helped to provoke the resignation of a Prime Minister and it profoundly changed British attitudes to war and to the soldiers who fought in them. It also brought censorship to bear on previously uncensored war reporting and inspired Alfred, Lord Tennyson to sit down and write "All in the Valley of Death rode the six hundred". With Mike Broers, Lecturer in Modern History at the University of Oxford and a Fellow of Lady Margaret Hall; Trudi Tate, Fellow of Clare Hall, Cambridge; Saul David, Visiting Professor of Military History at the University of Hull

THU 09:45 Book of the Week (b008m5h3)

The Prince

On the Uses of Cruelty

The Prince: Peter Firth reads from Niccolo Machiavelli's guidebook on political power. 4: On the Uses of Cruelty. How a successful leader can use cruelty to his advantage.

THU 10:00 Woman's Hour (b008m5h4)

Staying Friends With Your Ex; Care Homes; Pauline Viardot

Author Adele Parks asks can a genuine friendship between expartners really endure? Plus, the legacy of musician Pauline Viardo, and how are people treated in care homes?

THU 11:00 Crossing Continents (b008md8y)

Kurdistan

Kate Clark goes behind the image of a prosperous, democratic Kurdistan and finds corruption, nepotism and rampant inflation.

THU 11:30 Doonesburyland (b008md8z)

An insight into the world of Gary Trudeau and his cartoon creations, BD, Zonker and Duke

The Guardian's Steve Bell and Martin Rowson give their interpretations of the Doonesbury world, while the US satirist Joe Oueenan takes a stroll around Trudeau s Studio.

Producer: Miles Warde

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008

THU 12:00 You and Yours (b008m624)

Consumer news and issues with Peter White and John Waite.

THU 12:57 Weather (b008m625)

The latest weather forecast

THU 13:00 World at One (b008m626)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

THU 13:30 Open Country (b008m2m4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:07 on Saturday]

THU 14:00 The Archers (b008m797)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Wednesday]

THU 14:15 Drama (b00771rc)

Juliet Ace - Chocolate Frigates

A naval chef plans a grand farewell dinner for his captain, just as his son is sent to fight in the Iraq war. Stars Todd Carty, Lindsey Coulson, Jamie Kenna and Nick Sayce.

THU 15:00 Check Up (b008md90)

Polycystic Ovary Syndrome

In this edition of Check Up, Barbara Myers and her guest Professor Adam Balen from Leeds General Infirmary will be offering advice about Polycystic Ovary Syndrome.

Weight gain, excessive body hair, acne and irregular periods are just some of a myriad of symptoms that women with polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) can suffer from.

Symptoms may be mild for some, but for others, they are wide ranging and more severe.

It is not known what causes PCOS, but daughters have a fifty percent chance of inheriting it from their mother.

The syndrome is triggered by an imbalance in some, or all, of the hormones that control the menstrual cycle. Many women with the condition have raised levels of the hormone insulin. This causes the ovaries to produce an imbalance in hormones, including an overproduction of testosterone.

These raised testosterone levels cause some sufferers to develop acne and excessive body hair (hirsutism)

Many PCOS sufferers are embarrassed by the affect their symptoms have on their appearance and become socially isolated and depressed.

The syndrome also puts sufferers at an increased risk of developing endometrial cancer, type II diabetes and heart

While there's no cure for the syndrome, there's a lot that can be done to help manage the symptoms.

THU 15:27 Radio 4 Appeal (b008m3gv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 on Sunday]

THU 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b008mb9q) Granta Stories

Extracts from the archives of Granta, the UK's most prestigious literary magazine

By Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, read by Janice Acquah.

A victim's photograph on the wall of a newsroom in Lagos brings to life this gripping memoir.

THU 15:45 A Sense of Liverpool (b008md9p)

Writers, artists and entertainers take a fresh look at Liverpool, to mark its year as European Capital of Culture. 4/5: Liverpool has enjoyed a long association with popular music.

THU 16:00 Bookclub (b008m3vv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

THU 16:30 Material World (b008md91)

Vindolanda Texts - Deep Tropical Ocean Kelvin Waves

Vindolanda Texts

The Vindolanda texts were discovered in the 1970s at an archaeological dig near Hadrian's Wall. They are like our emails today - quick, frivolous messages to friends and relatives: from laundry lists to letters asking for warmer underwear

The problem is not content but being able to physically read them - they were written on wooden tablets that have been warped, discoloured and reused. Quentin Cooper talks to Melissa Terras and Alan Bowman who are developing new imaging techniques to try and make the inscriptions clearer so that they can be more easily translated for all of us to read.

Deep Tropical Ocean Kelvin Waves

Quentin finds out about the discovery of a new wave, deep in the tropical Pacific Ocean. With a diameter the width of the ocean itself, they are created by weather systems and the earth rotation. We thought they were only on the surface, but a chance coffee break conversation between an oceanographer and a meteorologist, led to an investigation which shows that they are many hundreds of meters deep. Quentin talks to Adrian Matthews and Karen Heywood about whether their new discovery will change the way we model the climate and ocean

THU 17:00 PM (b008m75n)

Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair.

THU 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b008m75p)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4. followed by Weather.

THU 18:30 Down the Line (b0125dj2) Series 3

Liberal Agenda of Media

Spoof phone-in show starring Rhys Thomas as Gary Bellamy. With Amelia Bullmore, Simon Day, Felix Dexter, Charlie Higson, Lucy Montgomery and Paul Whitehouse.

With special guests Julia Davis and Lee Mack

A Down The Line production for BBC Radio 4.

THI/ 19:00 The Archers (b008m79b)

It's Pat's birthday but she's got to spend it at Home Farm discussing her argument against installing an anaerobic digester Carl the consultant gives his presentation and does well with all Pat's objections. But when Pat suggests he recalculate his figures without including her and Tony, Adam insists she hears Carl out. Carl acknowledges that if Tony and Pat aren't involved there might be some other interested party, or they could always grow more crops. Pat jumps on this suggestions, implying it's irresponsible advice but Carl keeps his cool.

Discussing the idea at the Bull, everyone else seems clearly convinced. Pat's relieved at the chance to escape the conversation when she sees Kathy.

Kathy admits to being knackered - so much so that she even imagined she's seen Taylor yesterday, only to realise it was the shadow on the trees. Remembering it's Pat's birthday, Kathy assumes she's celebrating in style with all the family. Pat replies dryly that it's something like that,

THU 19:15 Front Row (b008m79c)

Kirsty Lang talks to Tom Hanks about his Golden Globe nominated role in Charlie Wilson's War, a political comedy which also stars Julia Roberts and Philip Seymour Hoffman, and is directed by Mike Nichols (Primary Colours) with a screenplay by Aaron Sorkin (The West Wing). The film tells the true story of how a playboy Texan congressman, a renegade CIA agent and a beautiful socialite joined forces to instigate a covert operation to provide arms to ordinary Afghans resisting the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. When Zia ul-Haq, the President of Pakistan, was asked how a group of peasants had been able to repel a superpower, he replied simply, "Charlie did

The latest BBC television costume drama is an adaptation of Flora Thompson's semi-autobiographical trilogy Lark Rise To Candleford. The production is set in nineteenth century rural England and stars Dawn French, Julia Sawalha and Liz Smith. Kirsty Lang discusses the adaptation with biographer Kathryn Hughes.

A major report laying out the government's new thinking on arts policy has been published today. Written by Sir Brian McMaster, and commissioned by the Secretary of State for Culture, James Purnell, the report - entitled Supporting Excellence in the Arts - sets out new ways to recognise and reward high-quality work in arts and culture. Kirsty Lang speaks to James Purnell and to Brian McMaster about the key

recommendations in the report and about their ideas on how excellence in the arts should be nurtured.

A new production of La Cage Aux Folles comes to London this week. Based on the French play by Jean Poiret, the show is about nightclub owners Albin and Georges. Georges's son Jean-Michel wants to marry the daughter of a local politician who unfortunately objects to Albin's drag act. Kirsty Lang discusses the production with writer and critic Adam Mars-Jones.

THU 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b008m79d)

We Need to Talk about Kevin

The Squirt Gui

Anita Sullivan's adaptation of Lionel Shriver's award-winning novel about family tragedy and its aftermath. 4/10: The Squirt

THU 20:00 New Kids on the Blog (b008h4pq)

Matt Frei looks at how the digital revolution is changing the face of American media.

THU 20:30 In Business (b008mdcy)

Hello, Sunshine!

Hello, Sunshine! Germany has taken the lead in sustainable energy with the world's biggest solar power station. Peter Day looks for the secret of German success.

THU 21:00 Costing the Earth (b008mdcz)

Tom Heap investigates the increase in Britain's rodent population. He looks at how we control rats in urban and rural environments and asks why the system appears not to be working.

THU 21:30 In Our Time (b008md8x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 21:58 Weather (b008m7q3)

The latest weather forecast.

THU 22:00 The World Tonight (b008m7q4)

News and analysis with Robin Lustig. Including reports on the Bank of England's decision not to change interest rates and the situation in Iraq a year after the surge of troops.

THU 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b008m7q5)

The Egg and I

The Egg and I: Debora Weston reads from Betty MacDonald's memoir of married life on a chicken ranch during the 1920s. 4/10: Betty takes advice from Mrs Kettle about her

THU 23:00 Pick Ups (b008mdd0)

Series 1

Episode I

Life at a rundown Manchester taxi office. Dave's first job is to take Ivy to Blackpool. Stars John Thomson. From January 2008.

THU 23:30 Today in Parliament (b008m7q6)

News, views and features on today's stories in Parliament with Sean Curran.

FRIDAY 11 JANUARY 2008

FRI 00:00 News and Weather (b008m54z)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by weather.

FRI 00:30 Book of the Week (b008m5h3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Thursday]

FRI 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b008m58n)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b008m58p)

BBC Radio 4 ioins the BBC World Service for a selection of

news and current affairs, arts and science programmes. BBC Radio 4 resumes at **5.20am**.

FRI 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b008m58q)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 05:30 News Briefing (b008m58r)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

FRI 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b008m58s)

Daily prayer and reflection with George Craig.

FRI 05:45 Farming Today (b008m58t)

News and issues in rural Britain. Mark Holdstock reports from the annual Oxford Farming Conference.

FRI 06:00 Today (b008m58v)

With Sarah Montague and Greg Wood. Sports Desk at **6.25am**, **7.25am**, **8.25am**; Yesterday in Parliament at **6.45am**; Weather at **6.05am**, **6.57am**, **7.57am**; Thought for the Day at **7.48am**.

FRI 09:00 Desert Island Discs (b008m3h1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Sunday]

FRI 09:45 Book of the Week (b008m5h5)

The Prince

On the Relationship between the Prince and his Advisers

The Prince: Peter Firth reads from Niccolo Machiavelli's guidebook on political power. 5: On the relationship between the Prince and his advisers, and how to deal with fortune.

FRI 10:00 Woman's Hour (b008m5h6)

Constance Briscoe; Long Term Ventilated Children

Constance Briscoe on overcoming child abuse to become Britain's first black female judge. Plus, are services to help children on long term ventilation shared across the country?

FRI 11:00 Defiance in Dewsbury (b007zggm)

In September 1987 a group of white parents in Dewsbury opted to teach their children in a pub rather than accept places at a predominantly Asian school. Wendy Jones tells the story.

FRI 11:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b0183rh7) Series 3

The Advert

The ex-variety star is convinced he can play Malcolm's grandpa in a toffee commercial. Stars Steve Delaney. From January 2008.

FRI 12:00 You and Yours (b008m627)

Consumer news and issues with Liz Barclay and John Waite.

FRI 12:57 Weather (b008m628)

The latest weather forecast.

FRI 13:00 World at One (b008m629)

National and international news.

FRI 13:30 The Message (b008n9s2)

6/6. Jenni Murray and guests in conversation about how current media trends affect our lives.

FRI 14:00 The Archers (b008m79b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Thursday]

FRI 14:15 Drama (b008mdgl)

Juba FM

Juba FM: John Tuckey's fictionalised dramatisation of events during the months leading up to the signing of the peace treaty in Southern Sudan in 2005.

FRI 15:00 Costing the Earth (b008mdcz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Thursday]

FRI 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b008mb9r)

Granta Stories

A New World

Extracts from the archives of Granta, the UK's most prestigious literary magazine.

By VS Pritchett, read by Christopher Hannon.

As the autumn of the year and the First World War are calling, a new world is dawning for Private Dunkley.

FRI 15:45 A Sense of Liverpool (b008md9y) Episode 5

Writers, artists and entertainers take a fresh look at Liverpool, to mark its year as European Capital of Culture.

Stand-up comedian Brendan Riley takes a taxi ride round the city to investigate its reputation for humour. Some of Britain's best-known comedians have come from Liverpool, including Ken Dodd, Jimmy Tarbuck and Paul O'Grady.

FRI 16:00 Last Word (b008mdgm)

Matthew Bannister presents the obituary series, analysing and celebrating the life stories of people who have recently died.

FRI 16:30 The Film Programme (b008mdgn)

Wim Wenders, the director behind Paris, Texas discusses some of the films that are being shown as part of a new retrospective - in particular, one of his earlier films, Alice in the Cities.

Mike Nichols, the director of Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?, The Graduate and Closer talks about his latest film Charlie Wilson's War, starring Tom Hanks, Julia Roberts and Philip Seymour Hoffman - about a Texas congressman's covert dealings in Afghanistan. The film is adapted from George Crile's 2003 book Charlie Wilson's War: The Extraordinary Story of the Largest Covert Operation in History.

Romanian filmmaker Cristian Mungiu on his Palme d'Or winning film 4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days, which tells the story of two students who try to arrange an illegal abortion for one of them during the communist regime of the late 1980s.

Film critic Adrian Wootton on the 1938 film La Bête humaine. Directed by Jean Renoir - and based on an Emile Zola novel by the same name – the film tells the story of a train engineer who witnesses the murder of the stationmaster by the husband of a woman with whom the stationmaster has been sleeping with. After the train engineer develops a fixation with said woman himself, sex and violence - and trains - are the order of the day.

FRI 17:00 PM (b008m75q)

Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair. Including Weather at **5.57pm**.

FRI 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b008m75r)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

FRI 18:30 The News Quiz (b008mdjw)

Series 64

Episode

Sandi Toksvig chairs the topical comedy quiz. Panellists are Andy Hamilton, Fred Macaulay, Mark Steel and Carrie Quinlan.

FRI 19:00 The Archers (b008m79f)

Lynda poetically recounts how a skylark singing is one of mother nature's most rewarding spectacles. Having already had a nature lesson from Pip, Matt finds Lynda's carping pathetic, and tells her he'll plough up what he wants.

Tom's heard about the anaerobic digester from Adam, and thinks it's a great idea. Pat's determined she'll lodge an objection with the planning authority if it goes ahead, which Tony knows would cause ill feeling, but Pat refuses to budge. Meanwhile, David's getting excited about it, and Pip's in favour too but she's told to keep it to herself until they get the results of the feasibility study.

Hearing about Ruth's imminent operation, Pip's worried that Ruth's not well but is fine once Ruth assures her it's her own decision. Pip is happy to help on the farm.

Lynda shares her skylark concerns with Pip, a fellow steward of the natural environment. David points out that Matt hasn't broken any laws but there's no stopping Pip and Lynda as they hatch a plan to go to the Echo. The skylarks can't defend

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themselves, so they've got to stop Matt. Lynda's convinced they will - she's not finished with him by a long chalk.	News, views and features on today's stories in Parliament with Mark D'Arcy.	
FRI 19:15 Front Row (b008m79g) Kirsty Lang discusses City of Vice with historian Lucy Moore and crime writer Dreda Say Mitchell.		
The novelist Sherman Alexie has been described as the finest chronicler of contemporary Native American experience. Brought up on a reservation outside of Washington, Alexie is the author of numerous books, short stories, poems and screenplays, all of which shed light on Native American life today. Kirsty Lang speaks to Sherman Alexie about his latest book, Flight, which tells the story of a young Native American boy on the verge of committing a mass shooting.		
After the government formally backed proposals to build a new generation of nuclear power plants, Stephen Armstrong and Kirsty Lang ponder on Mr Burns and other cultural references relating to atomic power. We take a look through film and tv history and discuss the influence that nuclear energy might have on pop music.		
You're never too old to Rock and RollIf you have always dreamed of being a rock star and performing at your own live gig - well now's there's a chance to make your Rock Dreams come true by becoming a Weekend WarriorThe idea behind the Weekend Warriors scheme, is to give lapsed musicians the once in a lifetime opportunity to re-join a band and relive their musical youth - and to this end, they provide equipment, rehearsal space, and a mentor to give advice and support. Last week, comedian Danny Robins joined 'Fourth Chord' - one		
of the Weekend Warriors bands - during their rehearsals. In part two, Danny catches up with the nervous band members on the night of their big gig!		
With the opening ceremony of Liverpool's Year of European Capital of Culture - The People's Opening - beginning less than half an hour after Front Row ends, Kirsty Lang talks to Phil Redmond, who - as Deputy Chairman of Liverpool Culture Company - has been heavily involved in organising the year's events.		
FRI 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b008m79h) We Need to Talk about Kevin		
The Lie		
Anita Sullivan's adaptation of Lionel Shriver's award-winning novel about family tragedy and its aftermath. 5/10: The Lie.		
FRI 20:00 Any Questions? (b008mdjx) Jonathan Dimbleby chairs a topical discussion from Ashford, Kent. Panellists include Malcolm Wicks, Edward Davey, Michael Gove and Saira Khan.		
FRI 20:50 A Point of View (b008mdjy) A weekly reflection on a topical issue from Prof David Cannadine.		
FRI 21:00 Friday Drama (b008mdjz) The Monstrous Mother		
The Monstrous Mother: Comedy chiller by Mike Harris. 12-year-old Cathy has a vivid imagination which can sometimes get dangerously out of control.		
FRI 21:58 Weather (b008m7q7) The latest weather forecast.		
FRI 22:00 The World Tonight (b008m7q8) Including reports on a Ghanaian woman's battle for healthcare, Liverpool's status as European Capital of Culture, and the potential damage to Peter Hain's political career.		
FRI 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b008m7q9) The Egg and I		
Episode 5		
The Egg and I: Debora Weston reads from Betty MacDonald's memoir of early married life on a chicken ranch during the 1920s. 5/10: Betty despairs of much, but she has plenty of eggs.		
FRI 23:00 Great Lives (b008m8l6) [Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]		

FRI 23:30 Today in Parliament (b008m7qb)